Statement II

Categories of works to be undertaken under NREG

As per Section 1 of Schedule 1 of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the focus of the Scheme shall be on the following works in their order of priority:—

(i) water conservation and water harvesting;

(ii) drought proofing (including afforestation and tree plantation);

(iii) irrigation canals including micro and minor irrigation works;

(iv) provision of irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India;

(v) renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of tanks;

(vi) land development;

(vii) flood control and protection works including drainage in water logged areas;

(viii) rural connectivity to provide all-weather access; and

(ix) any other work which may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government.

Latest BPL list

4562. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest BPL lists all over the country have been prepared;

(b) if so,the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints regarding anomalies in the said lists;

(d) if so, the measures taken to sort out such anomalies;

(e) by when the final lists of BPL are likely to be published, particularly in Rajasthan;

(f) whether the number of BPL families in Rajasthan has incresed or decreased during each of the last three years; and

(g) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) After the vacation of the stay order by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on14.2.2006, the finalisation of BPL lists on the basis of BPL Census 2002 is being monitored regularly. The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand have already finalized the BPL lists. In the remaining States, the work is at various stages and the States have been advised to finalise the said lists by the end of June, 2007. The Ministry has already issued the guidelines to the States to ensure the transparency in preparation of BPL lists by getting it approved by the Gram Sabha and to minimize the subjectivity element. In order to remove the anomalies in the preparation of the BPL lists and to redress the public grievances, if any, a two-stage appeal mechanism has already been provided.

(f) and (g) The BPL Census is generally conducted after a period of 5 years. The objective of BPL Census is to identify the BPL households in the rural areas for trargeting them under the programmes of the Ministry and not to determine the number of BPL households. The States have been advised to identify the number of rural BPL households as determined by the official estimates of Planning Commission. The Government of Rajasthan has yet not finalized the new BPL lists.

New BPL list from States

4563. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have so far submitted New BPL lists, to the Rural Development Ministry;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the two months grace time,